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Meadowbrook Hall Christmas Tree

A very large crowd attended the Christmas entertainment at the Meadowbrook Hall last Friday evening. The children proved to be good entertainers and every item on the program was good and was appreciated by the audience.

Following was the program:

Carols by the children.

Welcome — Barbara Cunningham.

Recitations—Sherry Yule, Linda Stott, Lick Holt.

Duet—Shirley Yule and Dick Holt.

Piano duet—Madeline and Dale Prouse.

Play — Words.

Solo—Diana Collins.

Recitation—Harold Yule.

Solo—Victor Lucas.

Play—Madams' Beauty Shop.

Trio—Nicholas girls.

Play—Baby Sitting.

Solo—Lila Stott.

Recitation—Shirley Yule.

Accordian selections—Pauline James, Dorinne McMillan and Lyn Krause.

Quartette—Johnny Kileup, Bobby Turnbull, Garry James and Jimmy Froggatt.

Duet — Rosa Rogeau and Dorcen McMillan.

Play—A photographer's busy day.

Two Carols — By the entire company.

Santa Claus arrived at the conclusion of the program and presented all the children with bags of nuts and candies after which they were taken down stairs and given refreshments. A dance followed.



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Three Good Harvests

In the past 3 years, Western Canada has produced 3 billion 500 million bushels of grain. Three huge grain crops in succession. To what can we attribute this miracle of production? Good soil moisture conditions combined with unusually favorable growing and harvesting weather contributed greatly, of course, to the bountiful harvests of the past 3 years, but by no means do they provide the complete answer. Better farming methods, including the use of improved land use and soil conservation practices, improved disease- and drought-resistant varieties, more efficient tillage and harvesting machinery, and perhaps more important than any of these—use of chemicals for weed control were responsible in no small measure for the record grain crops we harvested in 1951, 1952 and 1953. Yes, the farmers of this country owe an enormous debt to our agricultural scientists. By their contributions they have made Western Canada not only a land of plenty, but a land of even greater promise for tomorrow.

The production achievements of western farmers in recent years are truly impressive. They are a matter of pride and thankfulness. As this year ends, however, the marketing of Canada's wheat surplus presents a challenging problem. It is a problem, however, that can, and will, be solved. Nevertheless, in 1954, and in the years ahead, it will be more important than ever for every western farmer to take advantage of the latest information, both scientific and practical, that is available—information that will increase his farming efficiency to the maximum and reduce his production costs. In other words, let us not forget that today's knowledge is the basis of tomorrow's achievement. And, above all, let us hold firm our faith in the future of our prairie agriculture.

On behalf of the Line Elevator Companies, our Sponsors, and of our own Staff, we extend to all our readers sincere wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 1954.

A woman enjoys going shopping to see what she would buy if that was what she would have gone shopping for.



Toasting in the New Year amid microphone or a television camera festivities is that pretty and popular CBC actress Toby Robins. Equally at ease before a radio fine dramatic skill.

Xmas. Message

(Contributed)

We live in an age of mass production, mass movements, giant organizations, mammoth spectacles. Even Christmas has become a huge industry, with good will broadcast mechanically to millions under the sponsorship of immense corporate power.

Yet at the heart of this season is the remembrance of an obscure birth in a little town in a remote province of the Roman Empire.

Do we realize what this miracle means—this miracle of small beginnings, of apparent weakness swaddled in obscurity, yet symbol of a power greater than Rome's legions or the stockpiled destruction of an atomic age?

Does the individual feel helpless in the face of today's enormous challenges? Does the little hope that burns in his heart like a lighted candle at Christmastime seem dim beside the barbarous darkness of humanity's ignorance? Is the Christmas carol on the radio, with its assured message of peace on earth, blotted out by the next rapid fire news broadcast predicting doom?

So transient, so precarious, so inconsequential might have seemed the prospects of the child born in the stable of an overcrowded inn. Yet before his earthly mission was complete he could say, with a confidence which history has verified: "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Alone among world conquerors he has achieved a success not to be judged by the numbers who bow before him but by the quality of the lives that are touched by his example. Against the "mass man" of today's popular mythology he has lifted up the ideal man of God's creating, an ideal that dawns on individual human thought with the weakness of infancy but with the infinite potentialities of Truth itself.

It took numbers of nuclear scientists working together for years, with the expenditure of millions of dollars and the protection of a vast security system to make a single atomic bomb. But long ago it took only one humble girl's dawning perception of God as the Father of man to bring to light a force of love which can bind every least atom to the purpose of good.

What great work would ever be accomplished if someone did not have faith in a perceived idea, in small beginnings. It is the quality of our thinking, not the quantity of our physical power at our disposal, that shapes our destiny. Rome failed to recognize this fact and fell before the Goths. Let those who call themselves Christians today turn again to the quiet stable outside the busy inn to welcome the forever recurring birth of that divine concept of power which outweighs the earth and out reaches the stars.

Canada's National Parks had their beginnings in 1885 when a 10-square mile area around Banff mineral springs was reserved for public use.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. E. Walker and Mrs. Miller leave today for Edmonton where they will visit relatives for a short time.

The stores in town report for a good business this season and believe that everybody in the town and district will have a happy Christmas.

Word has been received from Berkeley, California that Mr. and Mrs. L. Woods and family will spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lester. These people were former residents of Gleichen during their school days.

The town now has a gay appearance with the many strings of colored lights strung across the main street.

The boys who are looking after the curling and skating rinks have been busy the past few days making ice. The cold snap has just the right temperature for making ice.

One thing about the recent fall of snow it will keep the town from being swathed in a cloud of dust.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd and family have left for the coast where they will spend the holiday season with relatives.

George Walker who has been confined to the sanitarium at Bowness for many months expects to be home for the holiday season to see his family and friends. He is slowly recovering his health.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Buhr have left for Vancouver where they will in future reside. Mr. Buhr has sold out his interest in the transport business to his brother-in-law Ross Fiddes.

Some six to eight inches of fell Sunday much to the delight of the small people who are now able to enjoy sleigh rides down hill.

Paper burns quickly and generates enough heat to set fire to any other combustible material in the area. Your chesterfield, your chairs, table, clothing and even the rug on the floor could be the material ignited by the paper. That is why Christmas wrappings should quickly be removed from the home and disposed of safely. Now is the time to think of buying a few extra ash trays. Ash trays are most important when more than the usual number of people gather together in the home. Then there are the children playing on the floor who are always discovering new things. Make sure that they don't get a chance to experiment with matches. Your home will be safer if you keep an approved fire extinguisher in readiness. Plan ahead of time just what you would do if a fire should suddenly break out. Remember it is dangerous to remain in a burn-in building unless you can put the fire out immediately. There will be a few extra fire hazards to watch for during Christmas time and the extra precautions will be well worth while and should in no way spoil the joyous Christmas spirit.

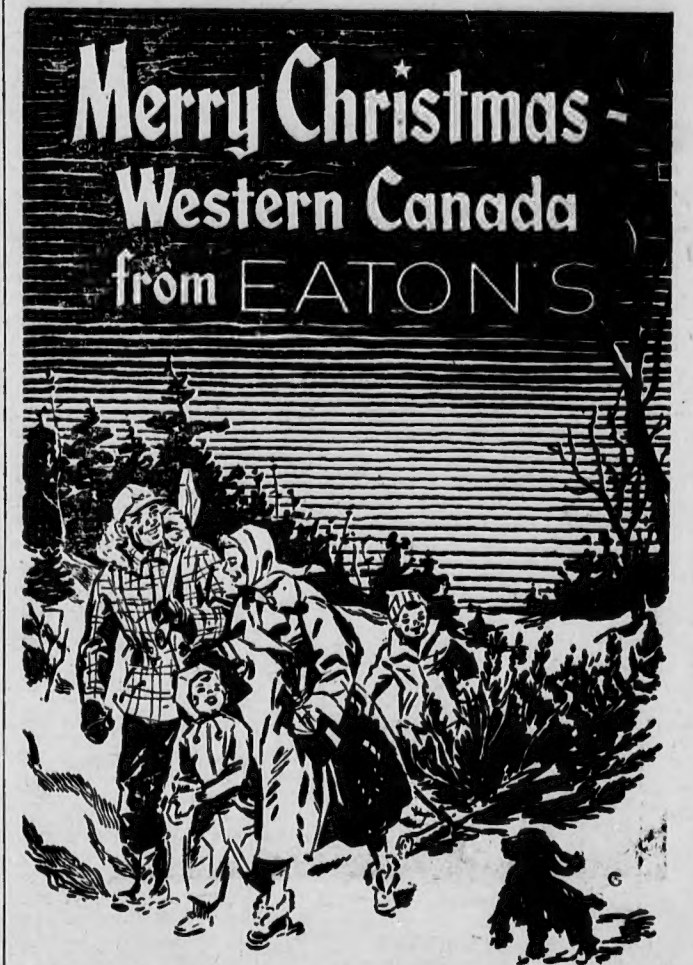
Radio Feature Christmas Day

"The Queen's Journey is to be the title of the round-the-world broadcast, linking the British Commonwealth and Empire, which will precede the traditional broadcast by the Queen on Christmas Day. For the first time, the Royal broadcast will be made from outside Britain—coming from Government House, Auckland, New Zealand, where the Queen will be with the Duke of Edinburgh in the course of their Commonwealth tour.

The feature program which precedes the Queen's talk with her subjects throughout the world will be the joint responsibility of the broadcasting services of New Zealand, Australia and Britain and will be produced in Sydney, Australia. The radio journey across the world and back will include visits for messages and word pictures to Canada, the West Indies, Fiji, Tonga (where the greeting will come from Queen Salote), New Zealand, Australia, Borneo, Singapore, Hong Kong, Pakistan, India, Ceylon, the Cocos Islands, Mauritius, the Union of South Africa, the new Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Kenya, Uganda and so, along the Royal route, back to Britain, where the broadcast of the Queen will be introduced. When her Majesty speaks from Auckland, it will be 2100 New Zealand time. The Royal message will be recorded in London and rebroadcast in Britain and throughout the world at the traditional time of 8 p.m. London time — when on previous Christmases, the Queen's father and grandfather have spoken to their people gathered at parties in their homes throughout the world.

In destructive powers, rude tactics and general rough house ability at any sale and often at this season of the year is a sight to be seen to be appreciated. Observation will show how some people have a regular knack for mixing paired items, crushing merchandise, upsetting display stands, elbowing and pushing.

duct, a brief period of unarmed combat which on occasions is costly in effort to clerks meek person clawing their way and causes loss in merchandise to through every obstacle.



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Christmas Message From the ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

The Christian world commemorates Christmas in honor of the birth of Christ. His teachings form the foundation of a relationship between human beings which, if lived up to, would bring heaven to earth.

The spirit of unselfishness is abroad at Christmastime. While the family is the centre of Christmas festivities, hospitality and friendly feelings spread far beyond the intimate circle. Goodwill radiates through the whole community.

It is a wonderful experience for humanity that the cares and worries and resentments of every day life can, for a little space in the year, be forgotten, and friendliness and sympathy prevail.

So, in the face of the trouble and fear of war which depresses the world, the 1953 Christmastide is looked forward to with cheerfulness.

"As long as there are homes where fires burn and there is bread,
As long as there are homes where lamps are lit and prayers are said
Although a people falter through the dark, and nations grope,
With God, Himself, back of these homes, we still have have hope"



"It's ALBERTA POOL ELEVATORS FOR ALBERTA FARMERS"

Town Of Alameda Celebrates Its 70th Anniversary

Nineteenth century's unsophisticated and today's slick modern youth met in Alameda, an enterprising town in the southeast of Saskatchewan, to celebrate the 70th anniversary.

Mayor C. M. Dunnigan of Carlyle; H. Nicholson, mayor of Estevan and Alameda's mayor, E. N. Slack.

A number of old time citizens spoke of "remembrance of things past" and a fascinating historical survey can be drawn from their reminiscences.

Fred Fisher, postmaster for 20 years said that when the first post office was opened in 1883, the mail came by stage coach from Moosomin, and the carrier distributed mail to homesteaders along the way. The whole bag was dumped out on the ground, he said, and everyone would pitch in after his own mail.

A man who seen farmers gradually progress from hand plows and scythes to combination harvesters,

then, the only transport available then.

The first white boy to be born in the district, Arthur Young, said his father in those early days lived by the maxim, "there are only two things a man should ever belong to—the Presbyterian church and the Liberal party."

The first white girl born in Alameda, Mrs. Charles Boaks, in 1883, was given the Christian name Alameda.

Afterwards the tables were pushed back to the walls for a square dance. But no ordinary square dance—this was for eight septuagenarians. They danced with quite as much grace and vigor as anyone half their age.

With the singing of Auld Lang Syne a very memorable day in the history of Alameda came to an end. —Estevan Mercury.



OLD MAN WINTER'S HERE—There is no doubt in the minds of Westerners that winter is here to stay. With the West now covered with snow, it gives youngsters something to cheer about, with the fun of sleigh riding and skiing. Of course, for Dad, it means the tussle with snow shovels.

Sturgeon Lake Oil Discovery A Major Find

—Says Financial Post

Oil discoveries in the Sturgeon Lake area, 50 miles east of Grande Prairie, have been called among the "most important three discoveries" in Alberta in 1953 by The Financial Post in its annual oil edition.

The nationally known financial paper says Sturgeon Lake is one of three major new Alberta fields which may be taking shape.

The Sturgeon Lake discovery is grouped with discoveries in the Pembina and Rimbey-Homeglen areas as the year's most important in the province.

"In each, oil is found in at least two wells separated by several miles with oil-water interface suggesting oil from different wells is coming from the same pool," the paper says.

"Only follow-up drilling will tell how great the productive areas will be but the chance of big new fields is encouraging. All three discoveries are in the Devonian formation and pay zone thicknesses are substantial."

Pioneer Dies

Rebuilt B.C. Town Twice

SANDON, B.C.—A Virginian who twice built this Slokan valley town and twice watched it die, died himself recently in a hospital at nearby New Denver, B.C.

He was John Morgan Harris, 89, who lived here 61 years. His widow took his body back to Marshall, Va., where he was born.

Only 100 persons live in Sandon now. But that's still more than there were in 1892 when Mr. Harris moved here from Idaho on the heels of rich silver and lead discoveries along the Slokan.

He founded the town the same year. Soon, Sandon had 24 hotels and 23 saloons. Three railways, the Great Northern, Canadian Pacific and Spokane Falls and Northern, built lines into the town for the ore.

Mr. Harris and the late Fred T. Kelly, his partner, organized the Reco Mining and Milling Co., and 1,700 tons of ore was rawhided down Reco mountain to be shipped to smelters. Total yield of the Reco vein was nearly \$900,000.

In 1900, the town was wiped out by fire. Mr. Harris rebuilt it on its original site some 40 miles northeast of Nelson, B.C. But Sandon never quite recovered and declining silver prices saw the population dwindle to 40 just before the Second World War.

Then, the town Mr. Harris and silver had built came back and more than 1,000 Japanese, relocated from coastal areas, were moved here. Also, silver and lead prices appeared heading for another climb and the population climbed with it—back up to 300.

However, after the war the silver and lead prospects again skidded and with it the population.

Depth, used as a military term, means the spaces over which a body of troops is distributed from the front to the rear.

SHOT OF COFFEE PERKS UP CAR IN SUB-ARCTIC

FAIRBANKS, Alaska.—Mrs. Ethel Granite's car was perk'ing right along in a sub-Arctic caravan of 100 cars until it developed trouble in the cooling system.

Northern ingenuity came to Mrs. Granite's rescue. Out came the thermos bottles—the temperature was around zero—and into her radiator went all the coffee which the caravaners hadn't already consumed.

HIGHWAY EXPERIMENT

The Alberta Highways Department is experimenting with soil cement and soil asphalt as a base course. A seven-mile piece of highway 50 miles north of Edmonton will be prepared with both these materials, six inches deep and covered with a rock chip surface three-quarters of an inch thick.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

DUBEC, Sask.—Farmer George Closson was unable to work because of illness, but he doesn't have to worry about winter preparations. In one day, neighbors cut and sawed a winter's wood supply, stacked hay and feed and repaired the barn which was damaged in a storm.

Funny and Otherwise

"I am a character expert," said the first man. "I have watched you, and what you need in your business is push—push—push."

"You're quite wrong," replied the other. "I'm a dentist."

Old Mrs. Miggles managed to get along in the world in spite of her educational deficiencies. One day she was called upon by a lawyer to sign an important document.

"You sign it yourself, sir, an' I'll make me mark," said Mrs. Miggles. "Since me eyes gave out I'm not able to write a wurd."

"How do you spell it?" asked the lawyer, his pen poised above the document.

"Spell it whatever way you please," said Mrs. Miggles. "Since I lost me teeth there's not a wurd I can spell."

It was the 'teenager's first visit to a perfume counter. Her eyes roved uneasily over the lurid trade names: Night of Passion, Mad Embrace, Irresistible.

Finally, she mustered enough courage to approach a salesgirl. "Excuse me," she asked demurely, "but have you anything suitable for a beginner?"

The passenger leaned out of the taxi window. "What on earth are you doing?" he shouted to the driver. "I asked you to drive me from Victoria to Leicester Square and this is the fourth time we've passed St. Paul's."

"Ferry, sir," replied the driver. "I thought you were an American."

Why have you broken off your engagement, Joan?" "Oh, my dear! He told me he was in the movie business, and the very next day I saw him driving a furniture van."

He was boasting that he never broke his word.

"Ah," murmured a little man a few feet away, "but he knows a lawyer who can't half bend it for him."

A continental pianist was engaged as accompanist to an amateur whose voice was always out of tune.

At last the time came when the maestro threw up his hands in despair.

"Madam," he said, "I gift up der chob. I play der black notes, I play de white notes—and all ways you sing in der cracks."

Muriel (who has gently but firmly rejected Robert's proposal): "What do you want the waitress for?"

Robert: "To alter my order. If I've got to look on you as just a sister, those 50c sandwiches are going to be 15c ices."

Mr. Smith: "I understand your wife is a finished soprano." Mr. Jones: "No, not yet, but the neighbors almost got her last night."

Mother sought to effect an improvement in the deportment of her children by offering a reward each Saturday for the most obedient of the family during the week.

"Shucks! That's not fair," young Christopher complained indignantly. "Daddy will win every time!"

Sees Next Boom In Territories

EDMONTON, Alta.—A conservation engineer believes Canada's next big oil boom will result in the opening of the vast reaches of the Northwest Territories.

Dr. Arthur B. Irwin, appointed by the federal government recently to direct all developments in the north, reported that 40,000,000 acres lying north of the 60th parallel had been taken under permit during the past three years.

He said companies holding interests in the territories and the Yukon were optimistic about the prospects of finding oil in major quantities. He said a new system of regulations governing gas and oil exploration had been drafted to promote rapid development and offer incentive to pioneering companies.

Fish Livers Compete With Synthetics

VANCOUVER.—British Columbia fishermen are still making good money with fish livers, a vitamin source, but high prices of a few years ago are no longer available.

Once the chief source of A and D vitamins, fish livers now have to face competition from new synthetic vitamins chemically produced and an influx of Japanese fish livers into the American market.

Prices now are only a fraction of what they were in 1945 and 1946, when the livers added \$1,000,000 annually to B.C. fishermen's income. High potency livers that used to bring 80 cents a pound are now worth 25 or 30 cents. Low grade livers that once brought 25 cents are now worth only five or six cents.

However, long-liners and trawlers still extract the livers from halibut, cod and other fish caught and market them as a profitable by-product.

Fishermen still make sets for dogfish, using old gill nets. Dogfish livers have a high vitamin content and a small load brought into Vancouver recently from the Gulf of Georgia brought 90 cents to \$1 a pound.

Price paid is based on the result of chemical analysis. Livers this year on the average are low in vitamin potency, thought to be due to the marked shortage of natural organic feed in the water. Many varieties of fish live on plankton, minute sea vegetable which authorities say has been lacking in some Pacific waters.

A diamond, in spite of its extreme hardness, will burn if heated sufficiently in air.

Marker Is Planned For First Oil Find

REGINA.—Recognition will be given to the first discovery in Saskatchewan of oil and natural gas in commercial quantities, Fred McGuinness, Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee Committee, said recently.

Mr. McGuinness said the discovery in the Lloydminster area would be suitably marked by the subcommittee on Historic Sites. He added that J. D. Herbert, Director of Historic Sites, had discussed the project with Lloydminster representatives, who have requested that a marker commemorating the find be placed on the same cairn erected in memory of the original Barr Colonists and their leader, Bishop G. E. Lloyd.

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PEGGY



—By Chuck Thurston

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

HOUSECLEANING

By Anna E. Wilson

"YOU'LL be home early," Corrie told Don at breakfast, "to help with the cleaning?"

He smirked down his newspaper. "For Pete's sake, Corrie, you women are the most helpless things. Can't move a stick of furniture or drive a nail without calling for help. You'd think women, doing housework for generations, would be able to handle the job better—but no, every year it's the same thing." He looked about the neat room scornfully. "It isn't as if we had a big house."

"You'll be late, dear," Corrie spoke, hastily. "Here's your hat and gloves and if you hurry you'll make the train."

He was gone with a hasty peck at Corrie's chin and she, went back to the table. Funny how she'd never thought about the way housecleaning looked to a man. To her it was something that she and Don did together. Just the way they found new places for the pictures, new ways of fixing up the furniture, had a joyful quality about it because it was their home.

She was still thoughtful when she took down the drapes, cleaned the windows and looked at the piles of pictures, dusted and washed. Maybe Don was right. Why depend on him? Hadn't she worked in an aircraft plant during the war? Corrie grasped her hammer firmly and began to drive nails.

She whacked away happily. Moving the furniture was a bit of a chore. But she wondered why she'd ever bothered Don to help at all.

Thinking of Don, she went all soft and wistful. A man got tired working all day in an office. She anticipated his pleasure when he got home and found the work done. By five o'clock the living room was in order and Corrie had changed into her red dress with the gold belt and high heels. She cooked Don's favorite casserole supper and felt tired, happy and virtuous.

To Don it was one of those uneasy days in spring. His muscles felt lax and figures bored him. He thought of the exercise he'd get hammering nails and pushing the furniture around. When they were all finished and tired out, he'd sit in the big chair while Corrie made coffee and sandwiches and they'd eat them, gazing into the fire and feeling happy and relaxed. Then he'd yawn and

go to bed and that uneasy feeling he'd had all day would vanish.

He was glad Corrie wasn't the muscular type. She was perfect the way she was.

When he came home, she could hardly wait until he had washed his hands to call him into the dining room and she bubbled all through dinner like a soda fizz.

"Why the excitement, someone left you money in the bank?" he twitted.

"It's the housecleaning, Don. Just wait."

He fetched his tool kit into the living room and looked for a place to make a good start.

"Don't you see, Don?" She was all aglow as she pointed proudly to the neat job on the furniture, the pictures shining and back in place, the cranes anchored to the wall. Done felt flat.

He was silent through their united dishwashing effort, and, the dishes disposed of, Corrie seated herself at her work basket while Don hid behind his paper. He was bored. He even felt resentment.

A man liked to have some say in his own home, especially in the spring. Look at the birds. You bet the master of the house did some of the nest building—he gathered sticks and string and grass while the female admired his muscle sitting on a twig and swallowing a worm in sections so as not to waste her time. He had that sunken feeling you get when you've been done out of something in life you had a right to expect.

And now that she was no longer excited, Corrie was tired, too. It was a long time since she had worked on the aircraft assembly line. Her muscles ached and she felt miffed.

When she noticed that the nail holding the big picture over the fireplace was loose there was no reason why she should have dropped the heavy bronze ash tray except that seemed a good idea. The crash came so suddenly that Don jumped.

"Oh, Don," Corrie's wall was genuine. "Our best picture. And the glass, it's all over—"

Already Don was digging into his tool box. "That's a woman for you. Can't even drive a nail. And while I'm at it, I'd better take a look at the slides on the furniture. We don't want scratches on the floor—"

Don put new glass in the picture, hammered the nails home. Corrie was all aglow. "Oh, Don, it's perfect." Again the little house was home.

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Fashions

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Turkey Sold For \$221

A price of \$13 a pound was paid Mrs. Frank Smith, Mortlach, for her grand champion dressed turkey at Moose Jaw's three-day turkey and poultry show, November 24 to 26, \$1 a pound higher than last year's price but less than the record all-time high of \$20 paid in 1951. The sale netted Mrs. Smith \$221.

Buyer of the top bird was Canada Packers, who also took the reserve grand champion turkey at \$5 a pound, an entry of the Wilson Turkey Ranch. It brought a total price of \$140.

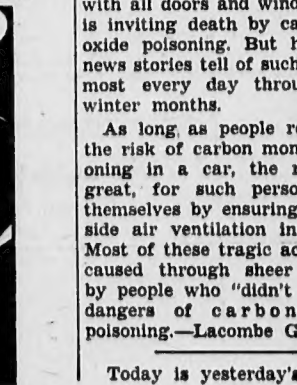
The grand champion dressed chicken, entered by Leslie Brothers, Aylesbury, brought \$3 a pound, for a total price of \$24. Canada Packers was the buyer here too. H. Davis, Hallowell, sold the first prize dressed duck for 70 cents, with Sunshine Hatchery the buyer. Mr. Davies' first place dressed goose brought \$1 a pound from the Harwood Hotel. Seventy-six dozen show eggs were knocked down by Auctioneer Laurie Drackett at 56 cents a dozen.

In all, four tons of dressed birds were sold at the sale.—Western Producer.

Do You Know That...

Baby kangaroos are only about an inch long at birth; the adult may be eight feet long including tail. 3069

THE TILLERS



—By Les Carroll



SKIERS WELCOME HEAVY SNOW—With plenty of snow on the mountains and hillsides, is joy for the enthusiastic skiers. This sport has become a popular pastime in recent years in the west.

Manitoba Government Studying Plans For Crop Insurance Program

Changes in agricultural policies, plans to set up the Department of Agriculture as liaison between PFRA and municipalities, and a study of crop insurance were three matters discussed by Hon. R. D. Robertson, Manitoba's Minister of Agriculture, at the convention of the Manitoba Farmers' Union.

Government policies which have been changed or are to be initiated during the present year include: the Purebred Sire Assistance policy, which since 1947 has assisted farmers in the purchase of almost 4,000 purebred bulls; the Ram and Boar Rental policy; and the Forage Crop Seed Distribution policy. The latter will be extended somewhat to encourage more farmers to sow some acreage to grass or legumes and to gradually work into a crop rotation program.

A new branch of the department is to be established this winter to administer provincial policies respecting field crops and soils. This is an important step, the minister said, and means that conservation measures generally will be receiving a great deal more attention than has been possible in the past.

Possibility of a more effective crop insurance program has been given considerable study by the Manitoba government, Mr. Robertson stated. One of the main problems, he said, is to settle with federal authorities regarding whether or not the present PFR

Act can be altered to suit Manitoba conditions, and if this is not successful, determine what assistance can be received from federal authorities should the province consider going into a separate system of crop insurance. These two factors must be decided before any comprehensive crop insurance program can be planned, the minister emphasized.

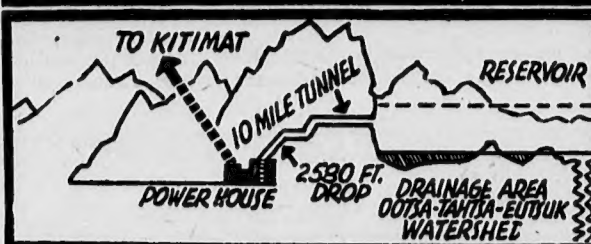
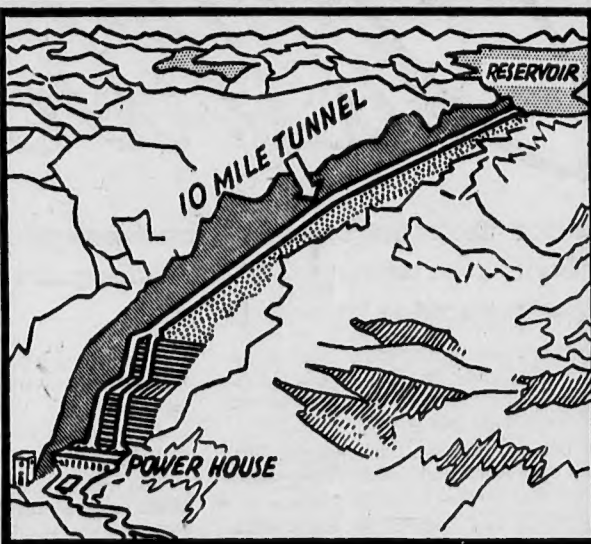
Agricultural research continues to receive substantial support from the department itself and the provincial government generally, he stated. Investigations are being continued into the possibilities for improved varieties of barley, corn, alfalfa, sunflowers and potatoes.

At the same time, he added, experiments are being carried on in with fertilizers on varying types of soils.

Pioneer Horseman Holds Many Posts

CALGARY. — Pioneer rancher, horseman and business executive, Ernest D. Adams has probably done more than any single individual to aid the horse breeding industry in Alberta.

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TUNNEL COMPLETED—Crews working in opposite directions ended a 21-month battle Dec. 3rd, and joined hands deep under Mont DuBose in British Columbia's coastal range. Their task had been to carve the 19-mile Kemano tunnel to carry water from a giant reservoir to an underground powerhouse as part of the Aluminum Company of Canada's \$500,000,000 project at Kitimat. Land lines, shown by dotted line in the elevation drawing, will carry the power to the smelter site.

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Backache is often caused by lazy kidney action. When kidneys get out of order, excess acids and wastes remain in the system. Then backache, disturbed rest or that tired-out and heavy-headed feeling may soon follow. That's the time to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. Dodd's stimulate the kidneys to normal action. Then you feel better—sleep better—work better. Get Dodd's Kidney Pills now. 61

Grain Variety Approvals For 1954

The new 15B rust resistant wheat variety, Selkirk (C.T. 186), was approved by the Saskatchewan Advisory Council on Grain Crops for use in five cereal zones, 2A, 2E, 3A, 3B and 3C, in the eastern and southeastern parts of Saskatchewan.

In making this announcement Dr. J. B. Harrington, Chairman of the Council, stated that the Council recognized the superior rust resistance of the new variety. Selkirk was originated in the Laboratory of Cereal Breeding of the Canada Department of Agriculture, at Winnipeg.

Other changes in recommended wheat varieties include the addition of Chinook, a high quality sawfly resistant variety, to three more zones in the west and west central sections of the province. This now brings to five the number of zones in this area in which Chinook is recommended. In five of these, Chinook replaces Rescue. Lee Wheat, which has superior leaf rust resistance, is now recommended in three additional zones, in the southeast zones 2A, 3B and 3C.

In oats, Eagle, a high yielding variety already prominent in Alberta, was recommended for four zones in the north and northwest. These are zones 2D, 3E, 3F, and 4B.

Major changes in barley varieties included recommending Husky, a new high yielding feed barley developed at the University of Saskatchewan in seven cereal zones located in central, eastern and southeastern Saskatchewan and the extreme northeast. These zones are 2A, 2B, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C, and 3F.

Redwood flax, a new variety originated by the Minnesota Experiment station was recommended for ten zones covering most of the province excepting the north and northeast. Victory flax was added to five zones in the west and southwest.

The Saskatchewan Advisory Council on Grain Crops, previously known as the Saskatchewan Cereal Variety Committee, is composed of representatives from the five Experimental Stations in the province, the University of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, other agencies of the Canada Department of Agriculture, the Canadian Seed Growers' association and the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, which conducts junior co-operative variety tests. The Council meets annually to review results from grain variety tests conducted throughout the province and to make zonal recommendations to farmers for the coming year. Several changes in zonal boundaries were made following work done by a special committee during the past two years. The changes will appear in the published recommendations which will be available during University Farm and Home Week, January 11 to 15, 1954.

Carbon Monoxide

The cold weather brings with it once again the always-present danger of carbon monoxide poisoning to all those who drive or are passengers in motor cars.

Each year, hundreds of persons needlessly lose their lives through the deadly effects of carbon monoxide, which is released the year-round from a running motor. Big difference between winter and summer driving is the fact that cab windows are shut during the cold weather driving. Leaky exhaust pipes spew their deadly gas into the car interiors, where, since ventilation is nil, the gas builds up its lethal volume to bring sickness and death to the victims inside.

It is common knowledge that it is exceedingly dangerous practice to start a car motor inside a garage without first opening the garage doors—but hundreds of people lose their lives each year by doing just this. It is equally common knowledge that to sit inside the car, motor and heater running, with all doors and windows closed is inviting death by carbon monoxide poisoning. But here again, news stories tell of such deaths almost every day throughout the winter months.

As long as people realize fully the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning in a car, the risk is not great, for such persons protect themselves by ensuring some outside air ventilation in their car. Most of these tragic accidents are caused through sheer ignorance, by people who "didn't know" the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.—Lacombe Globe.

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hands of the homemakers.

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HERE AND THERE

L.A.C. and Mrs. Hatton announce the birth of a son on December 5th at Luffenham, England.

Jack Bell had the misfortune to turn his car over in the ditch last Friday evening. He escaped with a broken rib and a wrenched neck. The car was badly damaged.

Dick Haskayne arrived home last week from Edmonton to spend the holiday season with his parents. He is attending the university in that city.

Cliff Kilcup will be able to leave the hospital tomorrow and spend Christmas with his family in town. He has been in the hospital since September suffering from an attack of polio. His many

friends will be pleased to know he is recovering following H.J. is recovering and able to come home.

Angus McLeay came home Sunday after spending some weeks in the hospital in Calgary where he underwent a serious operation. He is much improved in health and is slowly regaining his strength.

Our postmaster, Thomas Bates and his assistants N. T. Purcell and J. Blaney have been the busiest men in town for the past week or more looking after the mountains of mail going through the post office. It is estimated that more mail is being handled this Christmas than ever before.

W. Cook has returned home from the hospital in Bassano where he spent a week, much improved in health.

It has always been a mystery to us why banks have so many unclaimed balances.

Fifty-five years ago, on Christmas Day 1898 Imperial Penny

Post was introduced between Canada and Britain. Tradition says that the day was chosen on the spur of the moment. A biographer says that when the postmaster general of Britain the Duke of Norfolk, told Queen Victoria that penny post was to be introduced with Canada she asked on what day it was to come into force. "We thought of the Prince's birthday" replied the Duke, referring to the Prince of Wales, who was born on November 9. "And what Prince?" asked the Queen, in her ancient tones. The Duke was equal to the occasion. "The Prince of Peace—on Christmas Day," he replied. Thus the new rate became effective on December 25, 1898.

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Plans and specification can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the offices of the Chief Architect Department of Public Works, Ottawa, Ontario, the District Architect 725 Public Building, Calgary, Alberta, at the Post Office Building, Lethbridge, Alberta, and at the Post Office, Blairmore, Alberta.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on or according to these forms and in accordance with the conditions set forth therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certificate cheque on a chartered bank in Canada, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works or Bearer Bonds as specified in the form of tender, for 10% of the amount of the tender.

The Department, through the office of the District Architect 725 Public Building, Calgary, Alberta, will supply blue-prints and specification of the work on deposit of a sum of \$100 in the form of a certified bank cheque payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works. The deposit will be released on return of the blue-prints and specification within a month from the date of reception of tenders. If not returned within that period the deposit will be forfeited.

ROBERT FORTIER,

Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, December 15, 1953.

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